

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 2005

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., President
Martha Grout, MD, , Secretary
Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Professional Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Lal Fernando, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member
Toni Karnas, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

None –(pending appointment of two members)

Attorney General Representative:

Elizabeth Burns, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Christine Springer, Board Assistant

1. Call To Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve the July 27, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

3. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

No complaints were reviewed.

4. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve licensure for:
 Cheolha “Mark” Baik Catherine Lumenello
 Don Bertolini Nichole Mires
 Kathleen Laroche
 Haewook Lim

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

The Board also reviewed an application submitted by Dennis Way. They noted his acupuncture license in the State of Texas is active and in good standing. They discussed a previous DUI conviction a number of years ago and his compliance with all court requirements. Dr. Grout made a motion to approve Mr. Way's application for license. Motion seconded by Dr. Deng and passed unanimously 7-0.

5. Consideration of Applicants for Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

There were no auricular applications for consideration.

6. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

No applications for continuing education were discussed

7. Status Update of the Pending Employment of New Executive Director – Review, Discussion and Action.

Chairman Malone introduced Mr. Pete Gonzalez and welcomed him as the new executive director. Mr. Gonzalez thanked them and indicated he is looking forward to working with the Board. His employment will begin on September 1, 2005.

8. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

- a.. Attorney General Opinion No. 105-004 regarding Open Meeting Law and E-mail communications.

Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Burns reviewed the salient points of the Attorney General's opinion. IN particular she encouraged the board to review the various examples depicted on page 9 and indicated that they were helpful for understanding the issue in a day to day sense.

- b. Call from Governor Napolitano for Legislative Proposals.

Chairman Malone indicated she would contact the Governor's Office and request an extension of time for the board to submit legislative proposals.

- c. Discussion of FAOMRA National Meeting to be held October 20-21, 2005.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve two individuals to attend the national meeting. Mr. Balensi seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Malone stated that it is typical for the chairman and executive director to attend the conference.

d. The Board acknowledged receipt of the compliance report filed by the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute as required by AAC R4-8-303 and 304 . Dr. Deng stated that the definition of “hour” as defined at R4-8-101 (9) stating that an hour means at least 50 minutes of course participation is confusing when considering whether or not a program meets 800 clinical hours. Dr. Deng clarified that based on the published information received from the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute their students participate in a 60 minute clinic hour which meets Arizona’s requirements.

e. Correspondence from Susan Lemmon regarding clarification of board policies concerning NCCAOM Point Location Module Examination.

The board discussed whether or not an applicant was required to take the module of the national examination that tests point location knowledge. Assistant Attorney General Burns directed the board’s attention to consider whether or not the point location was required by the national board at the time *Title 32, Chapter 39* was adopted. Chairman Malone confirmed that knowledge of point locations was a part of the national examination at that time and therefore all current applicants would be expected to take and pass this module to qualify for an Arizona license.

9. Executive Director Report

A brief discussion of current revenues and receipts was held.

10. Future Agenda Items

Clarification from the NCCAOM regarding their website information stating that Arizona does not require the point location module.

11. Future Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meetings are scheduled as follows:

September 28, 2005

November 16, 2005

December 21, 2005

12. Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Deng that was seconded by Ms. Karnas. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Board Assistant